

TODAY'S PRICES  
Bar silver (Hess) & Bureau, quoted  
48 1/2 — Copper, 14 1/2 @ 14 3/4 —  
Grains, higher—Lard, steady—Meat,  
pork, higher, 12—Chestnuts, 12—  
Chestnuts, 12—Chestnuts, 12—  
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# EL PASO HERALD

HOME EDITION

WEATHER FORECAST  
Rain tonight or tomorrow.

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## GERMANY WANTS TO U.S.; ENGLAND FIRM

### Lea and Kelly Both Confident of Victory

#### CANDIDATES ARE READY FOR VOTE

##### Express Themselves in Favor of Fair, Honest Election on Tuesday.

###### NO SIX SHOOTER WORK PERMITTED

###### Edwards to Have Deputies at Polls by Agreement With Police.

###### Tom Lea, candidate for mayor on the anti-trust ticket, said today: "There is more interest in the election Tuesday than there has been in any previous election. I am confident that the voters of El Paso will vote the full strength and, with an honest election assured, I am satisfied that the result will be favorable for our ticket."

###### Kelly is Sanguine.

###### Mayor C. E. Kelly said: "The outlook is fine. We expect to carry every box in the city. The vote will be the largest ever polled in El Paso. The honest interest is being taken in the coming primary and we are very sanguine of results."

###### Coldwell Predicts Victory.

###### Ballard Coldwell, "ring" campaign manager, said: "We are very well satisfied with the outlook. The interest is intense and we expect to carry every box. The administration ticket will go in with a good margin."

###### Harde is Confident.

###### Harde is confident. He will carry every one of the 11 precincts above the tracks by from two-to-one to four-to-one, and will carry East El Paso by a strong vote, thanks to the garbage disposal plant. We expect to break more than even south of the tracks. Our organization is intact and is ready for the fight at the polls Tuesday."

###### No Disorder, Mayor Says.

###### With reference to the police situation Tuesday, mayor Kelly said: "There will be absolutely no disorder tomorrow. Uniformed policemen will be at the polls to prevent disorder and to see that no voter shall be interfered with in the exercise of his rights. No armed men, acting under authority of the city, or any other authority, will be permitted near the polls. No officer in uniform will be allowed to enter the polls. The police have been instructed to treat all voters impartially, and any violation of this instruction will be punished even to the extent of dismissal."

###### Deputy Sheriff at Polls.

###### The agreement which sheriff P. J. Edwards and the police department have entered into with me is absolutely fair and will assure proper order at the election tomorrow," said Judge Jackson. "The deputy sheriff will have deputies at the polls, but they will be there to preserve order and will take no part in a political way."

###### As for police officers, only those on duty will be permitted to carry guns. Men off duty will be instructed to leave their badges and guns at the police station. "In the event it is necessary to have more officers, I am authorized, under the statutes, to appoint constables. If I think it essential to have constables, they will go on duty unarmed."

###### German Sailor Plays "Die Wacht Am Rhein" As Sea Fight Rages

###### Berlin, Germany, Feb. 15.—In the recent North sea battle between British and German battle cruisers, a German reserve sailor furnished a spectacular incident. Standing unoccupied while the fight progressed, he watched every detail of the battle. As one German ship after another struck the British warships he became unable to control his feelings and, producing a violin, began playing the "Watch on the Rhine."

### The War At A Glance

THE German government, in a note presented today to the state department at Washington, announced its willingness to consider receding from its intention of attacking British merchantmen, providing Great Britain would desist from efforts to prevent foodstuffs from reaching the civil population of Germany. The German plan, this note sets forth, is in retaliation for what is termed Great Britain's violation of international law in attempting to cut off the food supplies of non-combatants.

WAR IS COSTLY TO ALLIES.—David Lloyd George, British chancellor of the exchequer, estimated the cost of the war to the allies at \$10,000,000,000 for the current year. He said Great Britain could finance the war for five years out of the proceeds of her investments abroad.

GERMANS GAIN IN PRUSSIA.—German troops are advancing rapidly everywhere in east Prussia, the Berlin war office says in its statement today. In northern Poland, also, considerable gains are reported.

Petrograd military commentors assert that Russia will gain an advantage in falling back to her own territory, by depriving Germany of the use of the railroads which she employed effectively in transporting troops along the front when the fighting was on German soil.

FIGHTING IN LORRAINE.—In French Lorraine the Germans achieved a local victory occupying positions which the allies were able to recover only in part by a counter attack. Trench warfare continues with varying degrees of intensity elsewhere along the front and both the French and German war offices in today's communications claim small victories.

AUSTRIANS BOMBARD ANTIVARI.—After a long period of inactivity, fighting between Austria and Montenegro has resumed. An Austrian fleet has bombarded the Montenegrin port of Antivari and two Austrian aeroplanes attacked with machine guns the palace at Rieka in which were king Nicholas and the other members of the Montenegrin royal family.

GERMANS CRITICISE U. S.—German newspapers continue to comment on the American note, some of them taking the stand that this country's representations to Great Britain are less vigorous than those to Germany. It is asserted that the fault is England's on account of her use of the American flag.

GERMANY SEEKS ITALY'S AID.—A Rome dispatch states that Gen. Von Buelow will make proposals for the intervention of Italy in the war on the side of Germany in return for territorial concessions.

YAGUIS STRIP AND ROB AMERICANS IN SONORA.—On board U. S. S. San Diego, San Diego, Calif., Feb. 15.—United States gunboat Annapolis at Guaymas harbor reports that 15 Yaqui Indians have stripped of their clothing E. A. Butler and J. E. Collier, American mining men, and robbed them of a bar of gold worth \$25,000 and 200 bars of silver. The Americans were traveling in a motor car and left the Yaqui river country last Friday.

The Indians have issued a decree ordering all Mexicans and foreigners from their lands in the Yaqui river valley.

CHINA REPLIES TO DEMANDS BY JAPAN; ANSWERS SECRET.—Peking, China, Feb. 15.—The Chinese government has delivered to the Japanese legation at Peking a written reply to the demands recently made by Japan on China. The contents of the Chinese answer have not been divulged. It is the general belief in Peking, however, that the reply reiterates China's willingness to discuss only 12 of the 21 demands contained in the Japanese note.

A bill has been introduced by senator Hudds which appropriates \$25,000 for the livestock and sanitary commission to be expended in preventing the entrance into Texas of the foot and mouth disease. The money to be expended in the employment of additional inspectors to guard the border and prevent cattle coming into Texas suspected of having come from infected states.

The following house bills passed on their final reading: McCall, providing for organization of certain corporations; manufacture of clay products; and operate aerial tramways; the Tilson bill appropriating \$100,000 to be paid in bounties for scalps of wolves, jack rabbits, furs and pointers; the Biggers-Baker bill providing for the destruction of prairie dogs by sheriffs of counties where the damage caused by them is demanded; Biggers bill extending the duties of the warehouse commission by establishment of a marketing department in connection therewith; the McDowell measure to prevent pollution of public waters; the Decherd-Haney bill providing for the establishment of rural high schools; establishing county board of trustees which will effect the county superintendent taking that office out of politics.

THE DAY IN CONGRESS.  
The day in congress.  
Senate:  
The fight over the administration ship bill awaited action in the house.  
House:  
Miscellaneous bills were considered under the unanimous consent rule.  
A caucus tonight on the administration ship bill.

Worthy of All Flattery  
Eaton, Ohio, Feb. 10, 1915.

Editor El Paso Herald:  
I received the special Anniversary Edition of The Herald this afternoon and regard it as being worthy of all the flattery the readers can bestow upon it.  
James Sharkey,  
Treasurer of Preble County, Eaton, Ohio.

### RED DICTATING MACHINE PASSES HOUSE

Vote of 105 For Engrossment to 10 Against Its Surprise.

PUTS EL PASO IN 16TH DISTRICT

Adds Two New Congressional Districts from West Texas Territory.

AUSTIN, Tex., Feb. 15.—When the house voted to engross the Haney-Griggs bill by a vote of 105 to 10 today, providing for the redistricting of the state for the 18 congressmen, the almost unanimous favor which the bill met caused general surprise.

An effort has been made at every session of the legislature for several years to get congressional redistricting, but the proposition always met defeat. The present bill came out of the committee with the unanimous support of the committee and went through the house with only one amendment being made to it, and with only 19 votes opposing its engrossment.

The measure provides for two additional congressional districts, these being the seventeenth and eighteenth. The only amendment adopted to the original bill was one changing Grimes and Montgomery counties from the eighth district to the seventh district. The bill will give West Texas two additional members in congress.

Under the bill as engrossed, El Paso is placed in the 16th district, which is composed of the following counties: Andrews, Martin, Howard, Mitchell, Anderson, Garza, Elbert, Garza, Nolan, Runnels, Cook, Sterling, Glasscock, Midland, Ector, Winkler, Loving, Ward, Crane, Upton, Reagan, Irion, Tom Green, Concho, May, Schleicher, Crockett, Sutton, Kimball, Edwards, Valverde, Terrell, Pecos, Reeves, Culberson, El Paso, Jeff Davis, Presidio and Brewster.

Bills Favorably Reported.  
The senate committee on mining and irrigation reported favorably today senator King's bill which permits the leasing of the estates of wards until such ward becomes 21 years of age. The committee also reported favorably reported two bills by senator Brewster, one which defines title to land in irrigation districts and the other which permits the leasing of land to water wells. Favorable action was also taken on another bill by senator Breidford, which regulates the payment of taxes in irrigation districts.

The senate committee on state affairs reported favorably the Bailey, of Harris, bill, which makes it a misdemeanor to desecrate or use for advertising purposes the flag of the United States.

Representatives of different municipalities here in connection with the hearing on the Robbins public service commission bill today effected an organization to oppose the measure. This organization will present to the senate committee on state affairs the attitude of the Texas cities on this measure. The bill, it is claimed, seeks to take away the power of local self government.

Bill for Inspectors Passed.  
A bill by senator Hudds which authorizes the appointment by the governor of a hide and animal inspector for El Paso, Cameron, Hidalgo and Starr counties, which was passed in the senate has been engrossed in the house amendment which eliminates Collierworth county from the measure. The bill now goes to the governor for his signature.

Senator Hudds also has passed his bill which penalizes persons who enter upon toll bridges with the intent to escape payment.

Senator Hudds introduced a bill which provides for the licensing of livestock commission merchants.

Asks \$25,000 Fund.  
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### WALLS COLLAPSE IN ROMAN FLOOD

Italian Capital Is Being Inundated; Soldiers Lead in Rescue Work.

Rome, Italy, Feb. 15.—The flood waters around St. Peter's have risen to a height of four feet 11 inches. Several walls have collapsed, but without serious consequences.

Floods throughout Italy are assuming alarming proportions amid continuous rains. The river Tiber is over 50 feet out of its normal banks and has flooded the lower parts of the town, especially the quarters around the Vatican.

Military Directs Rescue.  
The military authorities have taken up rescue work and the task of providing food for people cut off from supplies. Rome has been divided into four zones and soldiers in boats are going about taking food to marooned persons, ladders, ropes and other paraphernalia to be used in rescue work, and timbers for shoring up the walls of houses.

One of the most picturesque sights is Tiber island, which is still joined to the mainland by the old bridge of Fabricius. The island is now partly under water, which has invaded the church of San Bartolomeo, which occupies the center of the island and the hospital and morgue.

Bridges Under Water.  
Water also surrounds the large and imposing basilica of St. Paul's. Mile's bridge, built over 100 years before Christ, is virtually inundated. Near the "broken bridge" scolded because the great flood of 1598 carried away two of its arches, only massive fragments of masonry remain. The submerged bridge is entirely under water. This is the oldest bridge in Rome, having been built in the year 673 B. C. It was this bridge that Horatio Cocles and two companions are supposed to have defended against the Etruscans.

MANY VISIT DISPOSAL PLANT.  
Political discussion of the garbage disposal plant, in East El Paso, caused many people to drive and walk out to the plant Sunday, residents of East El Paso say.

Where To Vote:  
Get There Early

- Precinct No. 1.—Greer's Stables, 112 West Overland street.  
Precinct No. 2.—112 East Overland street.  
Precinct No. 3.—Central fire station.  
Precinct No. 4.—412 South Virginia street.  
Precinct No. 5.—410 Tary street.  
Precinct No. 6.—City hall.  
Precinct No. 7.—East El Paso fire station.  
Precinct No. 8.—3700 Alameda street.  
Precinct No. 9.—Garage in rear of W. J. Watson's home, 3006 East Boulevard.  
Precinct No. 10.—Highland Park fire station.  
Precinct No. 11.—Lumber yard, corner Brown and Milwaukee streets.  
Precinct No. 12.—Craig's Cafe, 605 North Octavia.  
Precinct No. 13.—Mesa fire station.  
Precinct No. 14.—Greer's garage, 508 North Kansas street.  
Precinct No. 15.—Fraser Bros' plumbing shop, 512 North Oregon street.  
Precinct No. 16.—Gas office, corner Franklin and Oregon streets.  
Precinct No. 17.—Neff-Stiles Co., 400 North Santa Fe street.

### Poll Taxes Paid In City Precincts

Precinct	Exempt	Paid	Totals
Precinct No. 1	228	79	307
Precinct No. 2	581	79	660
Precinct No. 3	496	83	579
Precinct No. 4	316	21	337
Precinct No. 5	488	12	500
Precinct No. 6	760	83	843
Precinct No. 7	498	78	576
Precinct No. 8	422	25	447
Precinct No. 9	296	24	320
Precinct No. 10	272	22	294
Precinct No. 11	455	46	501
Precinct No. 12	228	10	238
Precinct No. 13	208	22	230
Precinct No. 14	508	54	562
Precinct No. 15	531	81	612
Precinct No. 16	238	24	262
Precinct No. 17	545	81	626
Total	5048	1097	6145

### ENGLAND CAN FINANCE THE WAR

British Chancellor of Exchequer Declares the Allies Are Spending \$10,000,000,000 in Most Costly Warfare Ever Waged; Russians Return to Defensive Attitude Within Their Own Borders.

LONDON, Eng., Feb. 15.—In a statement explanatory of the arrangement made at the recent conference between the finance ministers of France and Russia, and held in Paris, David Lloyd George told the house of commons this afternoon that the expenditures of the allies for the year would be two billion pounds sterling (\$10,000,000,000) of which Great Britain was spending more money than her two allies.

The present war, Mr. Lloyd George said, was the most expensive in material, men and money that had ever been waged.

Great Britain, the chancellor of the exchequer told the house of commons, could finance the war for five years out of the proceeds of her investments abroad. France was able to do so for about two or three years with some help from the United States, although prodigiously rich in natural resources, was in a different position.

Mr. Lloyd George said that it was decided at the conference of the finance ministers in Paris not to issue a joint loan.

Russia on Defensive.  
The forced retirement of the Russian army from east Prussia is expected to result in a tactical plan of conducting a defensive campaign in their own territory. It is pointed out here that this should result in an advantage to the Russians, in that Germany will be deprived of the transportation facilities which she was able to use with great effectiveness during the fighting within her own borders.

The Russian officers say that the object of the offensive has been achieved and the disposition now is to fall back to their original plan of defensive operations on the Russian front except the Niemen, in the north through Ostrolenka, Raigrod and on to Grodno.

With this program in operation, Russian observers say, it probably will be possible to retard the German advance and at the same time defensive operations will be easier because the Russians will be harassed no longer by the lightning changes along the German frontier.

Fighting in Carpathians.  
In the southwest the Russians are holding the Carpathians passed at Wisniew and Madwona against the German assaults and, according to reports reaching here, are daily capturing German and Austrian prisoners and guns.

Another battle, in which bayonet attacks were made by the Russians, is reported from Smolensk. During the night the Russians surrounded an Austrian position and took prisoner ten officers and 400 men. Battles have occurred also at Kurinka, near Duxia, and at Balligrod.

The German war office at Berlin issued today a statement which says: "South of Ypres, near St. Eloy, the Germans took about 900 meters of the enemy's positions Sunday. Counter attacks on both sides of the frontier in the eastern lake district engagements are in progress with the retreating enemy. German troops are advancing rapidly everywhere."

In the Vistula district the Germans gained further ground and occupied Racoon.

French Seize German Trench.  
The French army office at Paris this afternoon gave out a report on the progress of the war which says: "In Belgium the German bombardment of our trenches was interrupted. From the crest of our artillery inflicted heavy damage on the mortars of the enemy. We occupied for an instance of 25 yards a German trench along the roadway from Bethune to La Bassée."

In the Argonne, in the direction of Haguenau and Marie Therse, the fighting still continues with energy from trench to trench but there have been no movements of infantry.

In Lorraine the enemy, after having driven back our advance guard, succeeded in occupying Signal Hill and the French counter-attack on our part drove the German back as far as the northern declivity of Signal Hill, where they still are holding their positions in some trenches."

According to the hospital reports, 17 wounded soldiers are in the Ancon hospital, two of them in a precarious condition and 18 Panamanians in Santa Thomas, two of them wounded seriously. A police lieutenant is reported to be dying from his wounds. Minister Price has sent a long report of the affair to the secretary of state at Washington. Both the minister and the Panamanian police chief say that the Panamanian officials gave all aid possible to the investigation. The soldiers are now held within the limits of the various camps and this restriction will continue throughout the carnival period.

POSE SEEMS SLATERS  
OF MINING OPERATOR  
Watsburg, Col., Feb. 15.—A posse of 50 men under command of sheriff Jeff Parr, traveling in automobiles, is aided by couriers on motorcycles, is scouring the hills west of here in an extended drive to round up two unidentified men who on Saturday shot and killed William Dick, a mine operator, near La Veta.

### Germany Will Revoke Recent Order if England Leaves Ships Alone.

#### ENGLAND TO SEIZE GERMAN SAILORS

Announces That Crews or Passengers of Vessels May Be Detained.

LONDON, Eng., Feb. 15.—In a statement to the house of commons today, Winston Spencer Churchill, first lord of the admiralty, intimated that further action would be taken by the allies to prevent the importation of foodstuffs in neutral ships to Germany.

Great Britain sent word to the United States today, through the British embassy at Washington, that subjects of her enemies, whether crew or passengers of vessels carrying foodstuffs to Germany, would be liable to detention in the future to removal and detention.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 15.—Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, today presented to the state department a note from his government announcing that Germany stands ready to consider receding from its announced intention of attacking British merchantmen if Great Britain will withdraw its efforts to prevent foodstuffs from going to Germany for the civilian population.

This is an answer to the American note warning Germany that destruction of American shipping in the waters surrounding the British Isles, which Germany has proclaimed a war area, would provoke grave complications.

Germany had announced her intention of waging war with submarines against British merchantmen as a measure of retaliation against Great Britain's effort to starve the German nation. Germany had previously assured the United States, orally and in writing, that food shipments to Germany would be used solely for the civilian population.

What action Great Britain will take toward receding from the previous position adopted by that government has not been intimated. Germany, it appears, has thrown upon Great Britain the burden of whatever trouble may develop with the United States.

The note declares Germany's plan to attack British merchantmen was a retaliation measure adopted because of the alleged violation of international law by Great Britain in trying to starve the non-combatant population of Germany and that the latter government is ready to withdraw from its purpose as expressed in the naval war zone decree, as far as it applies to merchant vessels, as soon as Great Britain, either of its own volition or as a result of representations from the neutrals, expresses her willingness to return to the usual practices of international law on the question of foodstuffs.

The German note adds that the Berlin government has information that English merchant vessels are being armed and have been ordered to sail in groups for protection and further that they would try to sink submarines. It declares that there is now no question of searching these merchantships, but that German ships would fight them because they now are held to be warships.

Should Go Around Scotland.  
The note declares further that Great Britain, according to the information of Germany, intended to use neutral flags and that therefore neutral shipping would be in danger in the war zone. It was urged, therefore, that neutral shipping observe the restriction.

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### Election Returns At The Herald Tuesday Night

The Herald will be prepared to fully cover the primary returns in the municipal election. Its entire force will be set at the work of gathering the returns and tabulating them as soon as the polls close at 7 o'clock Tuesday evening and these returns will be marked up on a big board on The Herald balcony. The board will bear the names of all candidates for office so that the returns by precincts will be shown continuously. The table will show whether a precinct is complete or partially so.

The Herald will not be able to supply any information over the telephone, except definite results and nothing will be known definitely, in all probability, until after 9 o'clock. Subscribers are therefore requested not to call prior to that time. After that hour, if The Herald can give definite news, it will be glad to answer all calls made over 2020.

## The Police Are Well Schooled In the Art of Defending Their Reputation